

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-27-62

FROM : D. C. Morrell

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By letter 2-20-62, captioned individual criticized the Director for attacking "100% patriotic societies such as 'The John Birch Society'" etc. in his article for the American Bar Association. [redacted] accuses the Director of wishing to put the few "alert patriots back in a coma" and inquires if the Attorney General gave the speech to the Director. [redacted] closes with the statement that the sole purpose of the new Frontier is "one world socialism Harvard Style." He signs his name as a "disillusioned F. B. I. admirer."

[redacted] is not identifiable in Bufiles. In view of his sarcastic remarks, his muddled thinking and his dogmatic views, it is not felt his letter should be acknowledged.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : W. J. Lavel

DATE: 3-8-62

FROM : L. P. Hart

SUBJECT: John BIRch Society

The attached claiming tv. Time has been received in the Records Branch, appropriately initialed, and indicated for file. By use of instant transmittal memorandum, all necessary recording and indexing will be accomplished. It is to be noted this form is for internal use only within the Records Branch, principally by the Routing Unit where bulky material not accompanied by memorandum is usually received.

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THE PRESS

Enter the *Observer*

On newsstands, the new Sunday paper had a clean, uncluttered look (six columns to the page instead of the customary eight), and it was certainly easy to carry home (8 oz. v. the 4 lb. 2 oz. of the *New York Times*). The pictures were played for dramatic effect: a blast-off shot of Saturn, the U.S.'s largest rocket, soared majestically the length of the page; a glowering portrait of Brigadier General William B. Rosson, the U.S. Army's guerrilla warfare expert, was brutally cropped to eliminate part of the general's brow, all of his hair and his left ear. Even the paper on which the newcomer was printed seemed whiter by several degrees than ordinary oyster-grey newsprint—as indeed it was. Thus last week, after a five-month gestation, was born the *National Observer*, the U.S.'s first serious try at a national newspaper.

Although billed as a Sunday paper, the *Observer* bore little resemblance to the laminated bundle of news, features, supplements and comics that characterize the rest of the Sunday press. Vol. I, No. 1 of the *Observer* was a single section of 32 pages—half of it ads. Of six Page One stories, four datelessly treated trends or events long since dissected by other newspapers, e.g., a lengthy article on police corruption that reprised a Chicago police department scandal (1960) and a similar dustup in Denver.

No Detectable Plan. Inside, the *Observer* scattered, according to no detectable pattern, a clutch of articles, feature stories, puzzles, pictures, cartoons, weather maps and poetry (including all 60 lines of John Greenleaf Whittier's *Barbara Frietchie*). Two stories on Pope John XXIII ran on separate pages (4 and 26); an obituary on Violinist Fritz Kreisler appeared on page 8, an obituary on French Artist André Lhote on page 15. Readers anxious to discover how the new paper would deal with U.S. culture were soon disillusioned: the *Observer* begged the question. Theater and book reviews were shot through with a rehash of newspaper and magazine critics, a technique reminiscent of the defunct *Literary Digest*.

Among the feature pieces, one quoted an educational consultant's discovery that some Midwest grade school students cannot spell. Another story speculated for *Observer* readers on what it would be like if Algerian-style *plastiqueurs* were loose in New York: "On any given Saturday night in Times Square a car would pull up to the curb and spray machinegun bullets into the crowds . . . A bomb would be thrown into New York's Carnegie Hall . . . Taxi drivers, bus drivers and mailmen would be killed in every section of the city. Crowded Harlem tenements would be blown up on an average of one a month."

Wherever a column of print fell short of page length, the *Observer* dropped in an item whose only visible purpose was

to reach the bottom of the page. Sample: "John E. Roberts, editor of *Charity and Children*, was elected president of the Baptist Public Relations Association last week."

Prenatal Enthusiasm. By no accident, the *Observer* was at its journalistic best in a brisk fact-filled summary, taking up about half a page, of business trends. Its doting and wealthy parent is Dow Jones & Co.'s *Wall Street Journal* (circ. 821,401). On the strength of its own success, and with a national news organization ready at hand, the *Journal* last summer decided to publish a national newspaper whose read-

worth of accounts anxious to get in on the debut.

In charge of the editorial operation are Editor William Giles, 34, a longtime (eleven years) *Journal* hand whose last job was as a reporter in the *Journal's* Washington bureau, and Managing Editor Don Carter, 44. Giles presides in the *Observer's* Washington headquarters over an editorial staff of 29, many of them rewrite men. Until the paper has mustered a reporterial staff of its own, it will rely largely on contributions from some 40 part-time U.S. correspondents and from freelance reporters, does not intend to tap the parent *Journal's* extensive editorial resources except in emergencies.

Reaction to the *Observer's* first issue



WALTER DENNETT

EDITORS GILES & CARTER WITH FIRST ISSUE OF "NATIONAL OBSERVER"

It was easy to carry home.

ership would embrace not just businessmen but "intelligent readers" everywhere.

When word of the venture was released, prenatal public response was so enthusiastic that the *Journal* had to scrub original plans to print its offspring only in Washington and limit the first press run to 200,000. Last week's *Observer*, the fruit of twelve dummy issues and of an investment of \$1,000,000, was printed (on Saturday) in three of the *Journal's* seven printing plants—Washington, Chicago and Chicopee Falls, Mass. Of the initial press run of 422,000, some 290,000 copies (25¢) were sold on newsstands or by home delivery. The other 132,000 reached mail subscribers (\$10 a year) on Monday or Tuesday. Eventually, the *Observer* hopes to distribute largely by newsstand or home delivery so that most readers will get their paper on Sunday.

Response from advertisers has also been encouraging. By policy, ads are limited to 50% of available space. The *Observer* not only reached that 16-page limit in its first issue but also turned down five pages'

ranged from qualified approval to frank disappointment. "A professional job with excellent writing," said John Stanton, managing editor of the *Chicago Daily News*. "But it appears to be just a little too formalized." Said a high-ranking editor of the *New York Times*: "If the *National Observer* is worth 25¢, the *Sunday Times* is worth \$2.50. I expect the second issue will be a lot different; they'll try to change it while they still have time."

Thunder on the Right

The John Birch Society generally dismisses its critics as Communists, Com-symp or, at best, Communist dupes. Last week a surprising new recruit turned up in the symp-dupe ranks: the ultra-conservative *National Review*.

The *Review*, founded in 1955 by William F. (God and Man at Yale) Buckley Jr., is an increasingly lively, literate journal that is constantly goading the "Liberal Establishment." But many a liberal organ might have envied the *Review's* devastating analysis of the thinking of

the Birch Society's founder, onetime Boston Candymaker Robert Welch.

The *Review* argued that Welch, far from repenting such absurdities as his 1958 attack on Eisenhower as a Com-symp, is as loose a talker as ever. To Welch, for instance, the Bay of Pigs was a theatrical performance jointly sponsored by Castro and "his friends in the U.S. Government" in order to strengthen the Communist hold on Cuba. Not only the U.S. State Department but also the Central Intelligence Agency is Communist-riddled.

Retired Taffy Puller, Welch's wild assaults on reason, says the *Review*, menace the solidarity of the entire conservative movement. "He persists in distorting reality . . . By the extravagance of his remarks, he repels rather than attracts a great following . . . Can one endorse the efforts of a man who, in one's judgment, goes about bearing false witness?" The *Review* says no: "Our opinion is that Robert Welch is damaging the cause of anti-Communism."

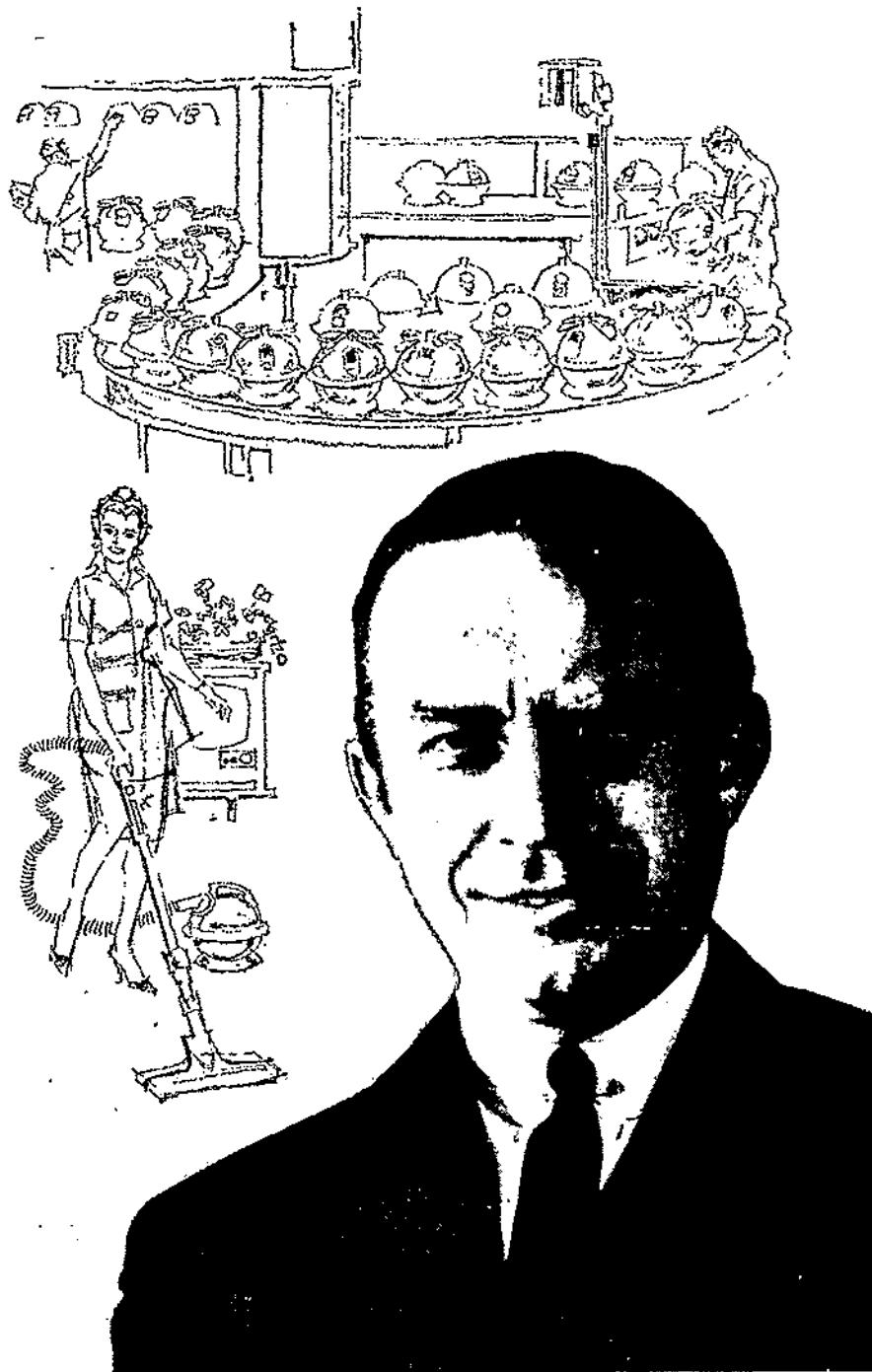
Buckley actually approves of the John Birch Society ("I hope it thrives"), but has been more and more bothered by its founder's antics. Last April Buckley said in print that there were "grave differences" between his own conservative creed and that of retired Taffy-Puller Welch. Besides, last week's *Review* editorial was bound to brew another of the ideological storms on which Buckley and the *Review* seem to thrive.

Tut-Tutting the Pope. The magazine's brief life has been punctuated by thunderclaps of dissent. Recently, Buckley, who is a Roman Catholic, challenged the papal encyclical *Mater et Magistra*. This letter from Pope John XXIII to his bishops advocated a measure of "socialization," i.e., government planning and welfare programs, and urged bishops to accommodate to the trend. The *Review* promptly took the Vatican to task, describing the encyclical as "a venture in triviality."

Buckley's belligerence has manifestly enhanced the fortunes of his magazine. Since late 1960, the *Review*'s circulation has grown from 36,000 to a healthy 65,000.² Advertising revenue has doubled since mid-1960, and the magazine loses only \$100,000 a year—a state of affairs that does not particularly bother Bill Buckley. Rich by inheritance (oil), he has both the money and the will to keep the magazine going indefinitely.

Last week's editorial even won praise from Liberal Establishmentarian James Reston, Washington bureau chief of the *New York Times*, who thought the *Review*'s firm stand might encourage the Republican Party to rusticate Welch and all other extremists of his breed. Such recognition should compensate for the risks in criticizing a man whose flock doubtless numbers some subscribers to the *National Review*.

² Almost equal to the combined circulation of its opposite numbers on the left, the *New Republic* (47,617) and the *Nation* (25,500).



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM: SAC, DENVER (62-1623)

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
 INFORMATION CONCERNING
 (INTERNAL SECURITY)

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On 3/1/62 Mr. [redacted]
 [redacted] was interviewed by SAS [redacted]
 and KENNETH BRIDENSTINE.

Mr. [redacted]

[redacted] operating a series of gasoline service stations, but at present is not devoting full-time to his business, but rather is spending most of his time promoting and organizing local John Birch Society chapters and study groups. He said their prime purpose is fighting Communism and main objective is the stamping out of Communism in the United States.

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[redacted] was questioned about a statement, or statements made to the effect that "Although J. EDGAR HOOVER cannot officially endorse this society, he definitely approves of its aims and purposes." He said he could not recall making such a statement, but admitted he has often talked to individuals and groups about how Mr. HOOVER is opposed to Communism and is doing all in his power to fight Communism in the United States. He said he has pointed out that the John Birch Society is likewise fighting Communism. He said he knows that Mr. HOOVER cannot officially endorse the John Birch Society. He said, in speaking about Mr. HOOVER's fight against Communism, some people may have misinterpreted his

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remarks, and assumed that he [redacted] was saying Mr. HOOVER would approve of the aims and purposes of his society.

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Mr. [redacted] stated he regretted that anyone had so misinterpreted his remarks, and said he has the highest regard and the greatest respect for Mr. HOOVER, whom he considers a man of the highest integrity, and one who has consistently over the years shown so much foresight and dedication in his fight against crime and subversion. He said he regularly recommends the reading of Mr. HOOVER's book "Masters of Deceit," and other publications of Mr. HOOVER, particularly those dealing with Communism and internal security matters.

It was emphatically pointed out to Mr. [redacted] that Mr. HOOVER does not endorse his society and anyone saying that he does so and that he approves of its aims and purposes is speaking without foundation and with utter disregard of facts. [redacted] was severely admonished for making such statements as have been attributed to him, or even indicating that Mr. HOOVER approves of the aims and purposes of the John Birch Society. He was told vehemently and definitely that he should refrain from making such statements in the future.

Domestic Intelligence Division

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 3/9/62

Denver instructed to interview [redacted]

[redacted] member of

John Birch Society, for alleged statement
he made that "although J. Edgar Hoover
cannot officially endorse the Society,
he definitely approves of its aims and
purposes." On interview [redacted] claims
statement misinterpreted as he has high
regard for the Director. It was emphatically
pointed out [redacted] to refrain from making
any such future statements.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)

FROM : SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

one of the [redacted] of the Efficiency Research Bureau, 800 South Brookhurst Avenue, Anaheim, California, a private investigating agency, advised SA HENRY F. ALSTON on 3-9-62 that about two months previous he had been hired by a [redacted] to obtain background information concerning the John Birch Society. The investigation encompassed a study and analysis of the Birch Society's membership, organizational structure and financing in the Southern California area and was completed in early March, 1962. [redacted] advised that about a week ago he was contacted by one [redacted]

[redacted] who told him he had information concerning the John Birch Society, also. [redacted] allegedly stated he belonged to an organization devoted to the cause of developing information against the anti-communists and that the co-ordinating council of this organization was composed of the following individuals: [redacted]

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[redacted]
stated he did not know what organization [redacted] represents. The enclosed newspaper article from "The Register", Santa Ana, California, newspaper, issue of March 9, 1962 sets out similar information to that furnished above by [redacted]

On 3-16-62 Mr. [redacted] HCUA, advised he had received information from Mr. [redacted] concerning the investigation which had been conducted by the Efficiency Research Bureau. Mr. [redacted] stated the Efficiency Research Bureau originally began an investigation concerning the John Birch Society in the Orange County area for the purpose of preparing an anti-Birch report, but as investigation progressed, the report turned out to be pro-Birch. During the course of the investigation the investigators identified six individuals who attempt to remain secret who were opposed to the Birch Society. The investigators learned that the six individuals (see above) had been meeting secretly twice a month for the past 18 months. Mr. [redacted] stated that the Efficiency Research Bureau intends to hold a press conference on Wednesday, 3-21-62, at the Disneyland Hotel, Anaheim, California. Mr. [redacted] observed that in view of the wide spread interest in the press conference he expects it to be well attended by the news media and it is currently planned to televise the proceedings over KCOP-TV, channel 13, Los Angeles.

The March 13, 1962 issue of "The Register," Santa Ana, California, enclosed herewith, contained additional information concerning the investigation of the John Birch Society by the Efficiency Research Bureau. The article indicates that the Research Bureau

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was hired by [redacted]

[redacted] to make a study of the Birch activities. In conducting this investigation the article indicates that the investigator came across an anti-anti-communist group headquarters in Orange County with ties to Sacramento and Washington. The article states that the Research Bureau indicates that their client is expected to clear the release of names and documents within ten days.

The files of the Los Angeles Office contain no identifiable information concerning [redacted]

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The files of the Los Angeles Office reflect that in [redacted] was the victim of an unknown subject extortion case, LA file 9-2612. This file indicates [redacted]

[redacted] for "The News", a Garden Grove, California, newspaper. [redacted] the Webster-Quimmley Society.

[redacted] is the subject of a security matter investigation, Bufile 100-390182 - LA 100-33597. Los Angeles report of SA ROBERT W. HOUSEAL, JR. dated 11-4-52 in this case set forth available data concerning him. In [redacted] had contributed to the Civil Rights Congress Prisoners' Relief Fund in New York. More recently he has appeared as a lecturer in the Anaheim, California, area and has served as vice-president of the Orange County Fair Housing Practices Committee, a committee formed to promote sale or rental of property to minority groups.

He is presently a [redacted]

[redacted] files indicate [redacted] is an [redacted]

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in answer to an announcement [redacted] had been retained as attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union, he said that in the only suit [redacted] involving the ACLU [redacted] the California State Bar against the ACLU. Los Angeles letter dated 8-31-61 to the Bureau captioned Southern California School of Anti-Communism (LA 62-4580) transmitted news clippings reflecting [redacted] [redacted] the Director's letter contained in the Law Enforcement Bulletin of April, 1961 before a school board in Fullerton, California.

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The above is furnished for the information of the Bureau. Any additional information received will be promptly furnished.

For the additional information of the Bureau, Los Angeles files also reflect that [redacted] was one of the subjects of an Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications case in 1959 in Los Angeles, Bufile 139-879. Los Angeles file 139-48 [redacted] and [redacted] admitted the installing of a microphone in Buena Park, California. Prosecution was declined in this case. On [redacted] made a complaint on a subversive matter to the San Ana Resident Agency. Los Angeles files also reflect [redacted] in 1957, was one of the subjects in an Impersonation - Conspiracy case, Los Angeles file 47-6998. [redacted] then a member of the [redacted] and a [redacted] [redacted] was believed by the victim to have represented himself as a U. S. Government Investigator, however, neither [redacted] or the other subject gave any specific title for their supposed employment. Prosecution was declined in this matter.

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SAC, Philadelphia

March 27, 1962

Director, FBI

[REDACTED]
MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Enclosed are two copies of a letter dated March 22, 1962, received from the Internal Security Division of the Department; two copies of a letter dated March 5, 1962, addressed to J. Walter Yeagley, Department of Justice, by captioned individual; and two copies of a letter dated March 22, 1962, addressed to captioned individual by J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney General.

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Enclosures contain no information identifiable with [REDACTED]

The first paragraph on page three of captioned individual's letter states: "We have devoted Communists in our country right now; unfortunately I have the presence of knowing one, a young person, who lives up the street from me." It is noted that Mr. Yeagley's letter to [REDACTED] suggests that [REDACTED] advise the FBI office at Philadelphia of the identity of the "young person" together with evidence establishing his Communist Party membership. You are requested to review your office files to determine if captioned individual has furnished your office the identity of the "young person" mentioned in his letter. In the event he has not, you should have him promptly contacted to ascertain the identity and obtain all pertinent information in his possession concerning the "young person." In view of the tenor of his letter to Mr. Yeagley, the Agent should be most circumspect during the interview.

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The results of the contact and/or your file search concerning the subject of [REDACTED] letter should be furnished promptly to the Bureau under the caption of the subject with reference being made to this letter.

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Letter to Philadelphia

RE: [redacted]

NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] letter to Yeagley refers to a previous letter of Yeagley's and states that although he, [redacted] does ^{not} agree fully with Robert Welch, founder of the John Birch Society, there is considerable evidence of communism within this country. At one point he states that if Yeagley cannot answer "yes" to nine questions presented by [redacted] then he, Yeagley, has found his first communist - himself. Yeagley's letter to [redacted] in addition to suggesting that the identity of the unknown subject be furnished to the FBI with pertinent information, states that a sizable number of prosecutions involving Communist Party members has been undertaken.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: March 22 1962

FROM : J. Walter Yeagley, Assistant Attorney
General, Internal Security Division

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SUBJECT: Letter from [redacted]
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Enclosed for your information is a copy
of a self-explanatory letter to me dated March 5,
1962, from the captioned subject, together with
a copy of my reply.

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Paul B. Yeagley
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Date: 3/13/62

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Via _____ (Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUTTE

INFORMATION CONCERNING

Mrs. [redacted] sent a letter dated 3/7/62 to the RA in Missoula, Montana, in which she states in part as follows: Her husband is [redacted]

[redacted] and she is [redacted] An unnamed woman in the town is full of first-hand FBI material and has deemed it her duty to inform people of the dire danger of membership in the American Legion. Their Legion Post has past members of the John Birch Society included in the membership. [redacted]

The unnamed woman has convinced Mrs. [] she is receiving from a Bureau Agent small bits of information. The Agent stopped at their office after he had completed an investigation to tell them they had/been completely cleared of all suspicion. The investigation was conducted because their names were turned into the FBI by the John Birch Society as supposedly Communists. The Agent disclosed the cost of investigations already handled in the valley as \$1,000.

The unnamed woman then became beside herself with the duty of telling people how needlessly their money was being spent especially on people like her and her husband. Also the members of the Legion who were known to be Birch Society members were taking over.

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Approved: John B. Clegg Sent: _____ M Per: _____
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Special Agent in Charge

She states her concern is not what is being said but the fact that it actually seems this information is being given out by the FBI. She asks if she can be assured this is not being done.

On 3/12/62 Mrs. [] was contacted by SA [] She states the unnamed woman she referred to is Mrs. [] the wife of [] and who is [] Mrs. [] is MONT. convinced Mrs. [] is receiving information from an FBI Agent who is a personal friend of the [] and who visits them once every two weeks or so. The visits reportedly are at the office of [] Mrs. [] has been making statements since May, 1961 she reportedly has obtained from ATTORNEY this Agent. It was about this time that Mrs. [] said 800 persons in the Bitterroot Valley were cleared of being Communists by the FBI and it had cost \$1,000 to make these 800 clearances. MONT.

Mrs. [] was advised that there was no Special Agent of the FBI talking with Mrs. [] and giving information from our files or information obtained through our investigations.

Butte indices indicate that on 2/12/62 [] telephonically contacted the Missoula RA to obtain a speaker for the 2/26/62 meeting of the American Legion in [] He said that they had been having considerable difficulty and hard feelings recently concerning actions of the John Birch Society as various people were accusing others of being members of the society. They were having trouble collecting dues from some members as they asserted there were John Birch Society members attending American Legion meetings and they wanted nothing to do with them. [] wanted a member of the FBI to speak on Communism and the John Birch Society so the members could be properly advised of both. MONT.

[] was advised that it would not be possible for the FBI to furnish a speaker to discuss either Communism or the John Birch Society; that information in FBI files was considered confidential in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice, that the FBI was a fact gathering agency and its jurisdiction and responsibilities did not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity

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of any individual, publication or organization. His request was respectfully declined.

Arrangements being made for immediate interview of Mrs. [redacted] and Bureau will be furnished details. It is noted Butte files contain no information identifiable with Mrs. [redacted] or her husband.

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Date: 3/15/62

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, BUTTE

RE: INFORMATION CONCERNING

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

Re Butte airtel to Bureau 3/13/62 summarizing a letter from and an interview of Mrs. Montana. Two autostat copies each of Mrs. letter dated 3/7/62 and results of interview with her by SA on 3/12/62 are enclosed.

Mrs. alleged Mrs. Montana, was obtaining unauthorized information from an FBI Agent whose identity was not known to Mrs.

has a population of people as of the 1960 census.

The following investigation was conducted on 3/14/62 by SAs and JOHN R. BRECKENRIDGE.

Mrs. wife of was interviewed in the presence of her husband in his office She furnished the following information:

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The only FBI Agent she had ever met prior to the interview was SA who called at their office during December, 1959, or January, 1960, in connection with a bankruptcy matter Mr. was then handling. She emphatically denied that any FBI Agent had ever furnished her information or that she had ever indicated to anyone that she had received information from an FBI Agent.

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Approved: 62 APR 1962 Special Agent in ChargeSent 6 M Ref 6b6
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Re: Mrs. [redacted]

At this point Mr. [redacted] added that other than SA [redacted] the only FBI Agent he had ever talked to was HENRY A. BLASTIC, formerly assigned at Missoula, but who left Missoula nearly 10 years ago. Mr. [redacted] denied that any FBI Agent furnished him information or that he had ever indicated to anyone, including his wife, that he had ever received information from an FBI Agent.

Mrs. [redacted] immediately assumed that her recent conversation with Mrs. [redacted] was the reason Agents had contacted her. She has known Mrs. [redacted] and Mrs. [redacted]

and [redacted] Both are extremely active in Legion work, recruiting new members and getting lapsed members paid up. She has always been friendly with Mrs. [redacted] together, but they have had some rather strong differences of opinion about politics. Mrs. [redacted] and a member of the [redacted] Mr. [redacted] is a member of the American Legion, but she has never joined the Auxiliary, although promising to do so for many years, but always putting it off for one reason or another. [redacted] b6 b7C

In late January or early February of this year Mrs. [redacted] called at the office and asked her to join the Auxiliary. She told her she would not join because she had recently read in the local paper that Mrs. [redacted] the local Auxiliary. She told Mrs. [redacted] "You appointed her, what are you trying to do, defy people in the MONT community?" Mrs. [redacted] did not like this.

ATTENDED TO OR MEMBERS - SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
Mrs. [redacted] explained that in the fall of 1960 Mrs. [redacted] had been invited to a meeting [redacted] She did not attend, but from what she heard later she reached the conclusion that it was a JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY (JBS) organizational meeting. From that time on she was of the opinion and still is that Mrs. [redacted] is a member of the JBS.

Her remark to Mrs. [redacted] led them to a discussion of the JBS. Mrs. [redacted] commented that she and her husband, [redacted] were concerned about people in the community saying that many JBS members were also members of the local American Legion. Mrs. [redacted] said, [redacted] are going to get to the bottom of it and he has contacted the FBI about it."

MEMBER - AMERICAN LEGION

Re: Mrs. [redacted]

This led the two of them into a discussion of the rumor which "went all over the valley last summer" that the JBS had a list of several hundred Communists which they had turned over to the FBI and the FBI had cleared everyone on the list after working over 1,000 hours on it. She has heard various numbers concerning the list, all the way from 700 to 900 persons. (It is noted Mrs. [redacted] refers to 1,000 hours of investigation whereas Mrs. [redacted] in her comments referred to investigations costing \$1,000.)

Mrs. [redacted] said that she had no idea as to the original source of this rumor. It was just a general rumor all over the Valley. She said that there was only one person who supposedly saw the actual list of names. This person told her that she (the unnamed person) and her husband were on the list, as was Mr. [redacted] and presumably Mrs. [redacted]. In talking about this list of names with Mrs. [redacted], she said she told Mrs. [redacted] that if they were in fact on the list she supposed Mr. [redacted] would have been contacted about it after they were cleared. She said this list was somewhat of a joke around [redacted] as many people would comment they knew they were not Communists because they had all been cleared.

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Mrs. [redacted] eventually named the one person who supposedly saw the list as [redacted] a [redacted] resident.

Mrs. [redacted] said she feels certain/her mind that she made no comment that an FBI Agent had furnished her any information. The only time the FBI was mentioned was in connection with this list of names supposedly turned over to the FBI by the JBS. She recalled that she did say to Mrs. [redacted] that such an investigation, consuming 1,000 hours, was an awful waste of the FBI's time.

Mrs. [redacted] said she assumed until the time of this interview that there was some truth to this rumor and that the FBI had in fact spent 1,000 hours investigating the alleged list of names. She said she believed this rumor even though she had never met anyone in the entire community who had ever been contacted by the FBI during such an alleged investigation.

Mrs. [redacted] was recontacted and she confirmed what she had said when interviewed on 3/12/62 by SA [redacted]. She did say, however, "It is possible I misunderstood what she (Mrs. [redacted]) said about an Agent giving her information."

Re: Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] was questioned as to anyone else who had ever indicated to her that the FBI had any connection with this alleged list of names that was the subject of so much rumor. She said that [redacted] and his wife, [redacted] had refused to pay their Legion dues because of JBS members being in the American Legion and because this alleged list had been turned over to the FBI. She was asked if there was anyone else she could name who had connected the FBI with this list and she said [redacted] at [redacted]

[redacted] Montana, last summer told her husband, [redacted] that 1,250 names had been turned over to the FBI by the JBS. Mr. [redacted] said his name was included on the list and he was going to sue somebody if he could find two people who had seen his name on the list.

MR. + MRS. [redacted]

in [redacted] advised that she had heard about a list that was supposed to have been compiled by the JBS and that many residents of the Bitterroot Valley were on the list. She had never heard the FBI connected in any way whatsoever with the list.

[redacted] said that in connection with operating his [redacted] he had heard for sometime talk about the JBS and the fact that some local American Legion officers were reportedly members of the JBS. About January 1, 1962, [redacted] came to collect their yearly American Legion dues from both Mr. and Mrs. [redacted]. Mr. [redacted] refused to pay his dues and told [redacted] his reason was because he did not like the JBS association with the American Legion. [redacted] came back to his home about six weeks ago and after a long discussion [redacted] finally paid his dues, principally because he felt sorry for [redacted] told him that there was a list of 1,502 residents of the Bitterroot Valley who supposedly were Communists, which list had been turned over to the FBI. [redacted] said he had never heard the FBI mentioned in connection with this list with the exception of [redacted] mentioning it in their conversation.

[redacted] has never said anything about the FBI being connected in anyway with such a list.

Montana, said that last summer he had heard of a list of 1,501

Re: Mrs. [redacted]

Communists supposedly compiled by someone and supposedly he was #2 on this list. He has never seen such a list, has never told anyone that the FBI confirmed this list or that this list was turned over to the FBI. He has never heard the FBI mentioned in connection with the list.

[redacted] advised that last summer she was in Mr. [redacted] office in [redacted] applying for a job as a school teacher. Mr. [redacted] was very upset at the time and referred to a list of 1,502 residents of the Bitterroot Valley who were alleged to be Communists and that Mr. [redacted] was included on the list. She asked him who was on this list and he said everyone of any prominence all up and down the Valley. He then slapped his hand on a piece of paper lying on his desk and she assumed that this was the list he was talking about. He never told her any specific names that were supposed to be on the list with the exception of his own and he never told her that he had such a list in his possession. She has never heard the FBI mentioned in connection with this list and never told anyone that the FBI was in any way connected with the list.

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Butte files do not indicate receipt of any list of names that could be identical with the alleged list described herein. Information from Butte Communist Party informants indicates there has been no Communist Party activity in the Stevensville area for several years.

SA [redacted] advised on 2/14/62 that he has a definite recollection of calling at the office of [redacted] in connection with the case entitled ' [redacted] ET AL; NBA," (Bufile 49-14303). His recollection is that this contact was during January, 1960. At no time during this contact did Mr. or Mrs. [redacted] mention any list of Communists or any other information not pertinent to SA [redacted] inquiry.

In view of the fact that the original allegation in this matter stemmed from a widely circulated rumor that has been exaggerated and twisted with each telling and as no one interviewed ever personally observed the alleged list, no further action is being taken in this matter, UACB.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC BROMWELL (80-86)

DATE: 3/12/62

FROM : SA [redacted]

SUBJECT: [redacted]

INFORMATION CONCERNING.

6/14/86

Spofford

Reference letter of Mrs. [redacted] Montana, dated March 7, 1962, to F.B.I. Savings Center Building, Missoula, Montana.

On 3/12/62, Mrs. [redacted] was contacted at her home south of [redacted] Montana. She advised she intentionally omitted the name of the person in [redacted], Montana, who apparently had information first hand which she was receiving from an Agent of the F.B.I. Mrs. [redacted] stated this individual is Mrs. [redacted] Montana. She related Mrs. [redacted] is the wife of [redacted] Montana, and [redacted]

Mrs. [redacted] related that she is convinced that Mrs. [redacted] was receiving information through an agent of the F.B.I. who is a personal friend of the [redacted] and who makes occasional visits once every two weeks or so. This agent reportedly stops in at the office of [redacted]

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Mrs. [redacted] was advised that Special Agents of the F.B.I. were prohibited from disclosing information of an official nature; that the information in our files is confidential and that we did not make clearances, but only determined the facts and reported same. She was advised further that we did not give our opinions concerning matters.

Mrs. [redacted] related that she had understood this from a letter received from Mr. HOOVER by her husband. Also from what her husband had been informed after contacting an agent in Missoula, Montana, during February 1962.

Mrs. [redacted] related that Mrs. [redacted] has been making statements since May 1961, which she had reportedly obtained from an agent of the F.B.I. She added it was about that time that Mrs. [redacted] had related some 800 persons in the Bitterroot had been cleared of being Communists by the F.B.I. She stated that Mrs. [redacted] had cost \$1,000 to make these 800 clearances.

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11-XG SAC, Kansas City (100-11488)
REC. 12

1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

April 2, 1962

Director, FBI (62-104401) - 1678

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Reurlet 3/27/62 enclosing 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum relative to a speech made on 3/21/62 by Robert Love on the campus of the Kansas State University.

For your future guidance the Bureau does not desire information concerning captioned Society submitted in memorandum form inasmuch as we are not investigating the organization nor are we disseminating any information concerning it unless it is of an extremely pertinent and urgent nature. Therefore, unless future information is of such nature it should not be submitted in letterhead memorandum form. Also, 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum submitted to the Bureau is deemed excessive and you should follow the policy for the submission of reports in determining the number of copies of a letterhead memorandum to be furnished the Bureau.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 3/27/62

FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY (100-11488)

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SUBJECT: THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of a letterhead memorandum, suitable for dissemination, relative to a speech made on the campus of the Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, on 3/21/62, by ROBERT LOVE, Wichita, Kansas, a supporter and admitted charter member of the John Birch Society.

The source of information in this case is

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1-Kansas City
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Kansas City, Missouri

March 27, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

THE JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY

On March 21, 1962, at 4:00 p.m., one Robert Love spoke to a group of 250 to 300 persons at the Student Union Theater, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. The advertised topic of this talk was "The John Birch Society - A Menace to Whom?". Love was further billed as a Wichita, Kansas industrialist and founding member of the John Birch Society. His talk lasted for about one hour, with a question and answer period of equal length following. His talk was sponsored by the Student Union Browsing Library Committee of Kansas State University.

Love set forth a ten point program of the Society directed toward combatting the growth of Communism, which was apparently the general theme of his talk. He touched upon the objective to the Society to cause the impeachment of Chief Justice Earl Warren, indicating that Justice Warren's appointment was a political payoff and that he had no judicial experience prior to his appointment.

Love urged his audience to keep informed of the threat of Communism and to see that the circulation of "conservative" periodicals is expanded to insure that "left-wingers" and "liberals" do not gain control through default.

There were no demonstrations at this meeting and it received a minimum of local publicity.

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Legal Attache, [REDACTED] (105-2114)

1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

April 10, 1962

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Director, FBI (62-104401) - 1679

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)]~~(u)~~

Reurlet 3/29/62.

Based on the information set forth in relet,
no references could be located in Bufiles concerning
the John Birch Society's establishing branches in
foreign countries or being in contact with [REDACTED]

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Bureau indices were checked with negative
results concerning prior references to [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] (116-165494), were reviewed and nothing
was located pertinent to the Legat's request. ~~(u)~~

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4/10/62 10:00 AM
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Memorandum

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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/29/62

FROM : Legat, [redacted] (105-2114) (P)

SUBJECT: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (INTERNAL SECURITY) NC-82

By communication dated 2/15/62 and received from
translation 3/26/62, the [redacted] quoted the
following: ~~(S)~~ (U)

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The Bureau is requested to make available to this
office whatever information is available relative to instant
matter which might be disseminated to [redacted] ~~(S)~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: MARCH 26, 1962

FROM : N. P. Callahan

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Page 4478. The Senate received two resolutions from the House of Representatives of the State of Arizona. One resolution commends Attorney General Kennedy for his action in requesting Mr. Robert Welch to submit evidence of his allegation that a few thousand Communists are concentrated in key departments of the Government. The other resolution requests the Congress to enact a bill to legalize the use of wiretapping evidence in courts. The first resolution stated "A letter was transmitted to Mr. Welch on December 8, 1961, and it was suggested therein that he produce his evidence to the Federal Bureau of Investigation so that they might take necessary measures to prosecute those who are in violation of our laws." The action taken by the U. S. Attorney General is commendable and it is hoped that this initial action is followed up so that any evidence in possession of Mr. Welch becomes available for purposes of prosecution of violators."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for MARCH 23, 1962 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau use or subject matter files.

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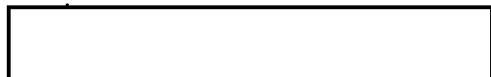
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Date: 4/17/62

Transmit the following in PLAIN TEXT
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-435703)

FROM: SAC, NEW ORLEANS (105-1499) (C)

RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC. -
INFORMATION CONCERNING
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

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Enclosed are 9 copies for the Bureau of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as above.

Nine copies are being furnished to the Bureau in view of the reference made in the enclosed letterhead memorandum concerning anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans which brings this within the scope of Internal-Security-Nationalistic Tendency Matters.

The source referred to in the letterhead memorandum is Am

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5- Bureau (3400-435703) (Encls. 9) (RM)

(The John Birch Society, Inc.)

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The enclosed letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" as it contains information furnished by a source, the unauthorized disclosure of which could reasonably result in the identification of this source of continuing value and affect his future usefulness.

No active investigation is being conducted in this matter as per prior Bureau instructions. However, any additional information received voluntarily from [Redacted] or from any other source regarding the John Birch Society, Inc., or regarding the interest of any individual member of the John Birch Society in assisting anti-Castro organizations in New Orleans, will be reported to the Bureau in a form suitable for dissemination.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to.
File No.

JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC. -
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(Internal Security)

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On April 16, 1962, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past voluntarily furnished the following information:

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[Redacted] is reported to have donated \$50.00 to a campaign held in New Orleans during the months of December, 1961 and January, 1962 which campaign was known as the "Crusade to Free Cuba". This campaign was originally sponsored by the now defunct Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD) (Democratic Revolutionary Front) which was headquartered in Miami. The campaign was actually run by prominent citizens of New Orleans and was opened by a proclamation by Mayor Victor M. Schiro in December, 1961. The campaign was also backed by both the Cuban Revolutionary Council in New Orleans and the Cuban Anti-Communist Revolutionary Unity.

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The stated purpose of [Redacted] invitation

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RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

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[REDACTED] There were allegedly 21 persons, mostly men, and a few women, present. Among those present were Dallas Wales, 2437 King's Highway, Shreveport, Louisiana, [REDACTED] and Jim True, allegedly a Gulfport businessman. Wales was described as a man in his late 40's with black, graying hair, who is allegedly a coordinator of the JBS for five states. Jim True is a white male, 38-62, white hair, 5'10", medium build, and apparently has some connection with the Gulf National Bank in Gulfport, Mississippi.

S, APPROX. 11/11/64. ATTENDED MEETING SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

The principal speaker was Dallas Wales, who decried the alleged corruption of morals in the United States and generally referred to the apathy and corruption in the federal government. A recommendation made by Wales was that people should themselves take an active part in opposition to communism. Wales commented that John Birch Society members should strive to talk to people about communism to awaken them to its danger.

During Wales' talk there were some outbursts from members of the audience to the effect that President Kennedy was a communist. Wales denied these accusations but did state that Kennedy had attended school in England as a young man, which school was at that time run by a communist. Wales made other comments generally referring to the absorption by the federal government of private enterprise and the fact that the USA was becoming a socialist state.

Wales also commented that there should be a JBS member running in every election, no matter how small the post may be. He stated that each member should have at least 100 followers.

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RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY, INC.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-104401)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-59001)
RE: JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau is one copy of a full page advertisement which appeared in the Los Angeles "Examiner," 4/23/62, entitled "Welcome HCUA," which advertisement is sponsored by the John Birch Society, Belmont 78, Massachusetts.

This advertisement contains a reprint of the major part of "Communist Target-Youth." This advertisement also states that this message is printed as a public information service, as well as a welcome to the dedicated legislatures who make up the HCUA, by the greater Los Angeles chapters of the John Birch Society, and contains a listing of numerous chapters of this organization in the Los Angeles area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/25/62

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FROM: SAC, CHICAGO

SUBJECT: ROBERT WELCH
JOHN BIRCH SOCIETY
INFORMATION CONCERNING

I received an invitation from [redacted] of the Speaker's Table Committee of the Executives' Club of Chicago, inviting me to sit at the Speaker's Table on the occasion of an address by ROBERT WELCH, founder of the John Birch Society, which will take place in Chicago on /LL. Friday, May 4, 1962, at the Sherman House.

I advised Mr. [redacted] that because of prior commitments, it will be impossible for me to be present on this occasion.

The above is being furnished for the information of the Bureau.

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Memorandum

TO : The Director

DATE: 5-11-62

FROM : N. P. Callahan

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SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

SUMMARY

Pages 7619-7622. Senator Dodd, (D) Connecticut, spoke concerning popular education on communism and the cold war. He included an article from the May 1962 issue of Reader's Digest entitled "The Insidious Campaign To Silence Anti-Communists" written by Colonel William R. Kintner, deputy director of the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, and an article from the New York Times Sunday Magazine for April 29, 1962, entitled "The Liberals Have Helped the Radical Right" which was written by Mr. Harvey B. Schecter, member of the Anti-Defamation League's Los Angeles office. Mr. Dodd stated "Colonel Kintner is a determined foe of the John Birch Society and of other extremist organizations that have claimed the anti-Communist mantle for themselves. But he is profoundly disturbed by the present campaign against anti-Communist extremism because of the tendency to lump all active expressions of anticomunism together under the label 'extremist.'" Mr. Dodd advised that Mr. Schecter's article "takes the American liberals to task for failing to give leadership to the anti-Communist fight. Mr. Schecter charges that by this failure, the liberals have created a vacuum that has inevitably been filled by rightwing and extremist groups like the John Birch Society." Mr. Dodd went on to state "I have only one minor difference with Mr. Schecter's thesis. I do not believe that anticomunism should be a monopoly of either the liberals or the conservatives. On the contrary, I believe that this is one area where liberals and conservatives can cooperate effectively and must do so in the interests of mutual survival." Colonel Kintner stated in his article "The public's understanding of communism was further sharpened by revelations made in congressional committee. Defectors from Russia's intelligence system appeared before our legislators and explained the Kremlin's sordid techniques of blackmail and murder. The Federal Bureau of Investigation unveiled the plots of the U. S. Communist Party members, obeying Moscow orders, to infiltrate and influence American youth."

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In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional Record for 5-11-62 was reviewed and pertinent items were marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that portions of copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. DeLoach *6*

FROM : D. C. Morrell *DM*

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 4-27-62

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INQUIRY REGARDING POLITICAL

ADVERTISEMENT FOR CLAUDE PEPPER

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By letter dated 4-18-62 Mrs. [REDACTED]

forwarded a paid political advertisement from the 4-17-62 issue of "The Miami News" which carried the heading "Birchites Are Behind The Smear Against Claude Pepper." Mrs. [REDACTED] who identified herself as the [REDACTED] of the Biscayne Gardens Civic Association, observed that the use of the Director's name in this ad did not "smack" of good Americanism and requested an expression from the Director on this matter. The statement regarding the Director was as follows: "We ask that you join with President Kennedy, J. Edgar Hoover, editors of our local newspapers and all responsible citizens in a rejection of the smear tactics of these irresponsible fanatics who are the major internal enemies of our country."

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By airtel dated 4-20-62 the Miami Office was instructed to personally contact Mrs. [REDACTED] orally acknowledge her letter and advise her that the Director had nothing to do with the advertisement and that, as a matter of long-standing policy, the FBI does not involve itself in political matters. The Miami Office was advised for its information of the fact that Pepper, during his tenure as Senator, was associated as a sponsor, speaker or member of as many as 32 organizations cited either by the Attorney General or by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

By airtel dated 4-25-62, the Miami Office advised that Mrs. [REDACTED] felt highly pleased that she had been contacted personally concerning this matter. She felt Mr. Hoover had nothing to do with this advertisement but wanted him to know his name was mentioned in it.

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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*I would like to know
who is behind the
Birchites. They are the
most extreme right
wing group in the
country.*